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SUBJECT: LUNCHEON FOR SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER

I ATTENDED LUNCHEON AMBASSADOR HARLAND OF NEW ZEALAND GAVE FOR SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. S. RAJARATNAM. ATTENDING WERE LEE KHOON CHOY, SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS; HOWE YOON CHONG, HEAD, PORT OF SINGAPORE; ANJUJOSEPH KOHOKHONG, SECRETARY OF THE DELEGATION. ALSO ATTENDING WERE AMBASSADORS FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, MALAYSIA, AND THE U.S. THE DELEGATION SAW CHOU EN-LAI AT 9:30 P.M. SUNDAY FOR 50 MINUTES. CHOU EN-LAI LOOKED WELL. HIS EYES WERE BRIGHT, HIS MIND WAS TOTALLY SHARP, HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AND DID SHOW SOME SLIGHT SIGNS OF ILLNESS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S TALKS WERE MAINLY WITH CHIAO KUAN-HUA. THERE WAS NO MENTION IN THE CHIAO KUAN-HUA TALKS OF FORMOSA. THE ONLY MENTION OF FORMOSA WAS WHEN CHOU EN-LAI INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THE CHINESE ON FORMOSA WERE CAUSING SINGAPORE ANY PROBLEMS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER DID SPELL OUT SINGAPORE'S LAW OF THE SEAS POSITION TO CHIAO KUAN-HUA AND THOUGH THE PRC HAS APPARENTLY SIDED WITH INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA, CHIAO KUAN-HUA STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SINGAPORE POSITION BETTER NOW.

I AS NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE FROM THE LUNCHEON ANYTHING ABOUT THE TIMING OF RECOGNITION THOUGH THE SINGAPOREANS ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT DETAILS OF EMBASSY LIFE, SECURITY, ETC. NONE OF THE AMBASSADORS
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OF THE U.K. LATER VOLUNTEERING THAT GIVEN SINGAPORE'S ANNOUNCED POSITION THAT THEY WOULD FOLLOW INDONESIA, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE CHANCE OF RECOGNITION BEFORE 1976 OR 1977. THE DELEGATION DID HAVE USEFUL TALKS ON TRADE, IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICAL TALKS CONDUCTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE DELEGATION LEAVES ON MARCH 18TH FOR SHANGHAI, SOOCHOW. THEY REQUESTED A TRIP TO HANGCHOW BUT WERE TURNED DOWN.

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